

Consistency is the key for Mercy

Monarchs rule in track invitational

Despite placing first in only two events, Our Lady of Mercy earned the team title over 27 other girls' track squads at the Larry Fabian Memorial Relays. The meet was held this past Saturday, April 23, at SUNY College at Geneseo.

The Monarchs' consistency made the difference as they finished with 65 points, seven points better than second-place Greece Athena. Mercy won the 3,200-yard relay and distance-medley relay, and also turned in top-four finishes in eight of the remaining 10 events.

In other high school sports highlights from around the diocese last week:

The McQuaid Jesuit boys' track team finished second among 26 teams

in the boys' section at the Larry Fabian Memorial Relays. The Knights received an individual first place from Dan Lesser in the 3,000 steeplechase, and also won the 3,200 relay, freshman sprint-medley relay and distance-medley relay.

The Geneva DeSales baseball squad (1-0) rallied for five runs in the top of the seventh inning to win its season-opening game over host Dundee, 16-13, on April 20. DeSales had also scored six runs in the sixth inning before Dundee came back with six of its own to take a 13-11 edge into the final inning.

Aquinas Institute's baseball team (4-1) won two games in as many days: the Little Irish humbled host East, 16-2, on April 23; and came back for a 3-2 home victory over Webster on April 24. Jim Miner clubbed a three-run homer against East, and he also drew a bases-loaded walk to force in the winning run against Webster, the defending Section 5 Class AAA champion.

Bishop Kearney's bats were blazing on April 24 as the Kings (2-1) rolled over host Eastridge, 21-3. Colin Ribble threw a four-hitter and produced four hits of his own as well, driving in four runs.

Brian Holmes enjoyed a record-setting day with the McQuaid lacrosse squad (4-3) on April 24. The senior attackman collected seven goals and two assists, breaking school marks for most goals and points in a game, in leading the Knights to an 11-5 win over host Brighton.

Kearney's lacrosse team (1-3) gained its first triumph of 1993 on April 24, and the Kings did it impressively as they blanked visiting Newark, 8-0. Goalie Bob Hilburger made 18 saves to pick up the shutout.

In golf, McQuaid earned a double-victory on April 23 at Penfield Country Club. The Knights won 6½-5½ over Penfield and 10-2 over Greece Arcadia.

—Mike Latona

Flying high for education



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Benefit raises funds

Paul Zaretsky (left) of Rochester, a former Atlanta Hawk, and New York Giant linebacker Kanavis McGhee leap to retrieve a rebound during the Northeast Quadrant Catholic Community Schools' N.Y. Giants Charity Basketball Game at St. John Fisher College in Pittsford. Proceeds from the April 17 event went to the schools.

Diocesan softball squads jump to quick start

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Kristina Dudley, with junior Shawn-dralynn Joiner at catcher.

Top infielders are senior Amanda Janas at first base, junior Stacey Lauricella at second, sophomore Katie Sadler and junior Stephanie Renica at shortstop and senior Sandy Theis at third base.

In the outfield, senior Sandy Petty starts in center, with junior Shana Behan in left. Right field is split between senior Rachel Toombs and junior Colleen Quinn.

Geneva DeSales will rely heavily on the talents of its senior pitcher/shortstop, Krista DeVaney. She hit a team-high .570 last year and produced four hits and six RBIs in the Saints' recent rout of Dundee.

Junior Sarah Cataline is behind the

plate. The all-senior infield comprises first baseman Sharon Rose, second baseman Michelle Liberatore, shortstop Cecilia McCann and third baseman Shannon Grifa.

Starting outfielders are freshman Melissa Liberatore in center, junior Lindsay Higgins in left and junior Gillian Barnard in right, with freshman Emily Krakowiak serving as the top backup.

"Krista (DeVaney) has got a great arm, and our bats are very good," remarked Coach Vic Harris.

The Saints' offense was in top form against Dundee, taking a 20-0 lead after two innings and finishing with 29 hits.

As Sullivan Trail Conference play begins, Elmira Notre Dame is hoping to drastically reduce its runs-allowed-per-game average of 16.

"If the pitching jells, we're going to be tough," said Coach Dave Potter.

Pitching duties are being split between sophomore Christie Garwood and freshman Rianne Collson. Junior Kris Kohan will take care of duties behind the plate.

Infielders include junior first baseman Colleen Agan, junior second baseman Jen Beaty, senior second baseman Lisa Punzo, freshman shortstop Michelle May, freshman third baseman Emily Violette and sophomore third baseman Jenny Hill.

Leading outfielders are seniors Rebecca Craven and Heidi Hodder in left, junior Lori Spaziani in center and freshman Theresa Hayner in right.

Agan, Punzo and Violette all homered during the comeback win over Canton, in which ND erased a 10-3 deficit.



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